

MINUTES
HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE
January 29, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Room 117, Capitol Annex
514 W. Jefferson, Boise, Idaho

The meeting was called to order by Cochairman Representative Gary Collins at 4:15 p.m. Other Task Force members present were Cochairman Senator Dean Cameron; Senator Joe Stegner, Senator Patti Anne Lodge, Senator John Goedde, Senator Tim Corder, Senator John McGee, Senator Elliot Werk, Representative Sharon Block, Representative Carlos Bilbao, Representative Fred Wood, Representative Jim Marriott, Representative Margaret Henbest and Representative John Rusche.

Others present at the meeting were Steve Millard, Idaho Hospital Association; Amy Holly-Priest, Business Psychology Associates; Steve Tobiason, Idaho Association of Health Practitioners; Patti Tobias, Supreme Court; Woody Richards, Intermountain Hospital; Jesus Blanco and Denise Chuchovich, Idaho Primary Care Association; Bill Roden and Sarah Fuhrman, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA); Corey Surber, St. Alphonsus; Kathleen Allyn, Behavioral Health; Joyce McRoberts, Governor's Office; Jim Baugh, Co-Ad; and Richard Bouge, Boise City/Ada County Housing Association (BCACHA).

This meeting was held to discuss proposed legislation and make recommendations to the legislature on the proposals. The proposed legislation is as follows:

Draft #17332 - Department of Insurance, Director Bill Deal

This draft limits health insurance rate increases based on claims or changes in health conditions after policies have been issued. This draft was withdrawn.

Draft #17350 - Department of Insurance, Director Bill Deal

This draft is now House Bill 411 and requires that persons selling annuities to senior consumers have reasonable grounds for believing that the recommended product is suitable for the senior consumer. **Representative Bilbao moved and Senator Werk seconded that the committee support this legislation and the Task Force agreed unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft #17354 - Department of Insurance, Director Bill Deal

This draft amends how insurance companies determine whether lifetime maximum benefits have been met. **On a motion from Senator Cameron and a second from Senator McGee that the Task Force take a neutral position on this draft, the Task Force voted again voted unanimously by voice vote in support of the motion.**

Draft # 17362 - Department of Insurance, Director Bill Deal

This draft, now House Bill 412, amends requirements applicable to managed care organizations.

Senator Goedde moved and Senator McGee seconded that the committee support this draft. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Draft #EBM134 - Subcommittee on Mental Health Involuntary Commitment Laws, Senator Joe Stegner

This proposed legislation speaks to jurisdiction and venue relating to mental health commitment proceedings. **Representative Block moved to support this draft and Senator Lodge seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft #EBM139 - Subcommittee on Mental Health Involuntary Commitment Laws, Senator Joe Stegner

This proposal makes adjustments to mental health commitment proceedings. **This proposal was approved unanimously by voice vote after a motion from Senator Lodge and a second from Senator Werk.**

Draft #EBM147 - Senator Dean Cameron

This draft amends the age limits for dependent coverage under health insurance policies. **Senator Werk moved and Senator Goedde seconded that the Task Force support this draft and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft (no number) - Cochairmen of the Health Care Task Force, Senator Dean Cameron and Representative Gary Collins

This draft amends requirements for high risk pool eligibility and lifetime maximum benefit exhaustion. **It was approved unanimously by voice vote after a motion from Senator Goedde and a second from Senator Lodge.**

Draft #17658 - Representative Margaret Henbest

This draft is a concurrent resolution urging the use of certain Medicaid funds to help Idahoans retain private health insurance coverage. **A motion was made by Representative Rusche and seconded by Representative Wood that the Task Force remain neutral on this draft. Senator Cameron made a substitute motion to not support the draft and to study the proposal next year. The substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft #17704 - Representative Margaret Henbest

This draft places requirements on vending machines located in public schools. **Representative Rusche moved to support this draft, Senator Corder seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft #EBM157 - Representative Margaret Henbest

This draft amends and adds to existing law to promote the availability of health insurance to children, families and adults in Idaho. **Senator Cameron moved, with a second from Senator McGee that the Task Force not support this draft and study the issue further. Representative Rusche, with a second from Senator Werk made a substitute motion to support the draft.**

The substitute motion failed. **The original motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft #MPN066 - Representative Margaret Henbest

This draft amends restrictions relating to premium rates. **Senator McGee moved and Representative Marriott seconded that the Task Force not support MPN 066. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft #MPN067 - Representative Margaret Henbest

This draft limits premium increases for health insurance coverage. **Representative Marriott moved, with a second from Senator McGee that the Task Force not support MPN 067. Senator Corder made a substitute motion in support of the draft. This was seconded by Representative Rusche. The substitute motion failed. The original motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft #EBM158 - Representative John Rusche

This draft removes the sunset date on the Health Quality Planning Commission. **Senator Werk moved, with a second from Senator Stegner to support this draft with a provision that the fiscal note be updated to reflect the on-going status of the Health Quality Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft (no number) - Idaho Medical Association, Mr. Ken McClure

This draft prohibits the assignment of health insurance contracts unless disclosed and agreed to. **Representative Rusche moved to support the draft with Senator Lodge seconding. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Draft #17615 - Representative Carlos Bilbao and Senator John McGee

This draft is a concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of children's health. **Representative Block moved, Senator Werk seconded that the Task Force support this resolution. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.